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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:
Brigitte BATHE, et al.
Serial No. : 09/941,945
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Examiner: K. Kerr

Group Art Unit: 1652

For : METHODS FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS IN CORYNEFORM BACTERIA
USING AN ENHANCED sigD GENE (as Amended)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004 is due by October 27, 2004.

Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

Applicants note the September 27, 2004 telephone conversation between the Examiner and Applicants' representative where the Examiner confirmed that the Office Action dated July 27, 2004 was a non-final Office Action.

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: